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REMARKS

Claims 4, 6, 9, and 14-27 are pending in the application including independent claims 4, 6, 9, 16, and 17. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, and 10-13 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 6, 9, 14-23, and 26 are allowed.

The drawings are objected to for failure to show the details of the clip 50 being attached to another portion of the brake shoe assembly as described in paragraph [25]. Applicant disagrees. While Figure 4 does show the clip abutting against the backing plate, Figure 4 also shows the clip engaging the webbed flanges 70. The description set forth in paragraph [25] states that the clip 50 in Figure 4 is shown as being attached to the flanges 70. Further, the clip 50 can be attached to one or both of the flanges 70. Any attachment method known in the art can be used. Thus, Figure 4 shows in sufficient detail how the clip is attached to another portion of the brake shoe other than the backing plate 28. No correction to the drawings is required. Applicant asserts that the above arguments are sufficient to overcome the examiner's objections to Figure 3.

The specification has been revised to overcome the examiner's objections regarding paragraphs [24] and [25]. The specification was also objected to for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "base plate" in claim 22 and "a connector" in claim 26. Claim 22 has been amended to change the term "base plate" to "backing plate" and claim 26 has been amended to change the term "connector" to "connector portion." Applicant asserts that all objections to the specification have now been overcome.

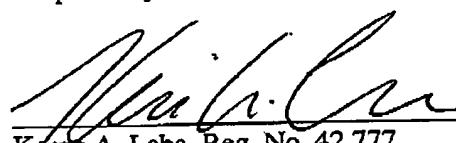
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Claims 24, 25, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 24 has been amended to include the terms "said first connector portion" and "said second connector portion." Claim 27 has also been amended to include the term "connector portion."

The examiner argues that claim 25 is indefinite due to its dependency from claim 24. Claim 25 depends from claim 24, which depends from claim 23, which depends from independent claim 9. Claims 9 and 23 have been allowed. Claim 24 has been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections. Thus, claims 24 and 25 should now be in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any further rejections with regard to claim 25, Applicant respectfully requests a more detailed explanation of the indefiniteness rejection.

Applicant believes all claims are now in condition for allowance and an indication of such is requested. Applicant believes no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees, or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



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